

## A WEEK OF PROSPERITY.

In this marvelous age of electricity what could be more fitting than that the electrical industries of this country should set apart a week, November 29 to December 4, to give a grand demonstration of the wonderful progress that has been made in electrical development? It will also afford an excellent opportunity to emphasize the importance of electricity in our everyday lives and show the possible development of this wonderful energy in the years to come.

It is planned to have a blaze of light stretching across the continent and from the gulf into Canada, halls of electricity opened in every city and town wherein the latest wonders of the science will be displayed during the week, with demonstrations by experts and features that will show how the Nation's prosperity is closely linked with its electrical performances.

Even though every industry has been electrified, and the applications of electricity are found everywhere for almost everything under the sun, the end is not yet. One of the foremost electricians of the age recently predicted:

"Electricity will make cities sanitary; no dust, dirt or smoke will be possible. The streets will be beautifully clean. Without fires and with no animals for tractional labor there will be no dust—no dirt. The atmosphere will be perfectly clear. With clean, pure air we shall be able to raise evergreen trees and of course it is healthful to have pine trees where you live. There are few pine trees in the city today. The dirt, smoke and gases that we now have in the air in our cities would suffocate the trees in a few years. In the new electrical regime, health and strength for all living things will predominate. Electricity will operate all vehicles. Gasoline will not suffice to drive our automobiles more than a few years longer. When our coal is gone, electricity, developed from water power, will heat our buildings and do the cooking. Whenever there is a wheel to turn electricity will be used. In ways that we know not of electricity will be applied to do the work and to meet the ever-growing needs of mankind."

Who dares to say that this prediction will never come to pass? Who would have believed in the submarine, the flying machine, wireless telegraphy, the talking machine and moving pictures a few years ago? Indeed, in view of what has been done before, we must admit that these predictions are very modest.

When we look at the developments of electricity today it is difficult to believe that thirty-five years ago there was no such thing as an electric car in the United States, that the telephone was in the experimental stage and that the cable had only just entered on its wonderful career. And stupendous as have been the changes wrought by electricity within the memory of persons of middle age, the average man does not appreciate the revolution it has brought about in almost every industry. It is a story of magic, more bewildering than Aladdin's lamp.—Waco Times-Herald.

In this issue of The Eagle will be seen a couple of letters passed between a local insurance agent and the Commissioner of Insurance relative to Bryan's new key rate. The commissioner, referring to the recent editorial expression in The Eagle on the subject, says it was "uncalled for." Maybe it was, but it has jerked the kinks out of the thing and everybody now knows just where we stand on the new key rate. They know it is in effect and has been since June 5, and that all policies written since that time will be refunded according to the new rating. We did not know that before, and for that reason the editorial was not in vain. Relative to the statement of the commissioner

to Secretary McKnight that the new rates had not been promulgated in Bryan because of overworked clerks in the Insurance Department and the slowness of the State printer in getting the matter out, we stand right where we did before. If from June 5 to November 15 is not long enough to promulgate a new key rate, there is something bad the matter somewhere. The Day of Judgment is drawing on apace, and we fear it will overtake the State Insurance Commissioner and the State printer if they do not get a hustle on themselves.

There are said to be between 35,000 and 50,000 cases of pellagra in Texas, notwithstanding the disease only made its appearance in this country within the past decade. It has been a puzzle to the doctors, and while the United States Health Department announces that the cause and cure of the disease has been discovered, the claim was not at all concurred in by the Southern Medical Association, which met in Dallas last week. According to the ideas of these eminent physicians the pellagra question is not yet settled. In some localities in the South the disease is responsible for as many deaths as any other one cause, and it is pointed out that if it increases during the next decade as it has during the past the result will be fearful to contemplate. The seriousness of the situation demands that the very best thought and energies of this Nation be devoted to the mastery of this new scourge, and such a move will be applauded by the people, regardless of the cost.

Bell County landed in the dry column in the local option election Saturday by 450 majority. Governor Ferguson stomped the county for the anti, claiming the fight was made on him and not in the interest of prohibition. If it was, then all we have to say about it is that what they did to him was a plenty.

The Republican candidate for Governor of Kentucky concedes the election of the Democrat, whose majority was right around 200 votes in the whole State. That's our idea of a close shave.

It is to be hoped this freeze caught the boll weevils, like it did some of the rest of us, before they had put up their stores.

Now for the A. & M. University game. If you ever rooted for the home team in your life now is the time.

Like old Lem Jacklin's roosters, the war has now progressed to the point where it will have to be "fought to a finish."

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"Come on and join us, old man."

"No, thanks. I'm on the water wagon."

"Well don't you ever get off to pick up the whip?"—Boston Transcript.

Going to have a fashion show on skates, suggests a man in evening clothes clinging to a lamp post.—New York Evening Telegram.

"When a good talker is on the platform," said Uncle Eben, "reform seems so easy dat it almos' looks like common amusement." — Washington Star.

I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad.—As You Like It.

Bookkeeper (beginning his plea for a raise)—I've grown gray in your service, Mr. Stone, and—

Newspaper Owner (interrupting)—If you'll forward a self-addressed stamped envelope to our beauty column conductor, she'll send you an excellent and perfectly harmless remedy!—Puck.

A Philadelphia doctor says that any substance that will absorb milk or cream is a good breakfast food. There are enough howling cats in Jacksonville to keep the professor in breakfasts all his life.—Florida Times Union.

Uncle Ezra—Eph Hoskins must have had some time down in New York.

Uncle Eben—Yep. Reckon he traveled a mighty swift pace. Eph's wife said that when Eph got back and went into his room he looked at the bed, kicked it, and said, "What's this darn thing for?"—Judge.

"What makes Bliggins in such a hurry to get to work in the morning?" "He isn't getting to work. His family has moved and they are fixing up the house. He's getting away from work."—Washington Star.

"What do you think about the cause of gravitation?" "I don't know much about it. But

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are going  
to the Game

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I guess I'm for it.—Princeton Tiger.

Ella—How do you like Jack, dearie?

Stella—Oh, he's a perfect bear.

Ella—Grieved all the time, I suppose.

Stella—Er, no, honey—wanted to bug all the time.—Florida Times-Union.

A Baltimore woman witness threw a kiss at the judge on the bench and was sentenced to five days in jail for contempt of court. A heavy penalty for a wild pitch.—Washington Herald.

A man used to vicissitudes is not easily dejected.—Samuel Johnson.

Knicker—Isn't Jones a summer pest?

Bocker—He is the submarine under the hot wave.—New York Sun.

Only a steady reader of the society columns can tell for sure who's going to and who's returning from Reno.—Washington Post.

A poet not in love is out at sea.—Bailey.

"I don't believe the woman who has the next apartment to ours ever touches her parlor carpet."

"My dear, that's a sweeping arraignment."—Baltimore American.

The strangest thing is that a boy who could give the devil lessons in fiendishness often grows up to be a decent man.—Florida Times-Union.

"The count was very much embarrassed this evening."

"How was that?"

"His sweetheart wanted him to tell her how much he loved her."

"That should have been easy."

"It would have been, but he had not had time to look her father up in Bradstreet's."—Houston Post.

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MORE ABOUT OUR  
INSURANCE RATES

Commissioner Says New Rates Are  
Now in Effect—Rebates  
Will Be Made.

Relative to the reduced key rate for Bryan, correspondence about which between Secretary McKnight of the Commercial Club and the Insurance Commissioner was recently published, it now develops the new rate is in effect and has been since June 5. That while the old rate appeared in all policies and the old rate was collected, a refund will be made on all policies written since June 5 as soon as the new rates are promulgated. This information was brought out by the following correspondence, which is self-explanatory:

Bryan, Tex., Nov. 6, 1915.  
Mr. A. R. Andrews, Fire Insurance Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Sir—I beg to enclose you herewith a clipping from The Bryan Daily Eagle of the 5th instant, and also an editorial of the same issue, touching upon delayed promulgation of key rate reduction for Bryan on account of increased water supply, as per inspection of your engineers during the early summer.

In the editorial I want to call your attention to the following statement:

"In the meantime the people of Bryan are going right on paying the old rate. Jones, he pays the freight."

If I am correct, the editor of The Bryan Daily Eagle has the wrong impression and likewise conveys the same to the insuring public, for it is my understanding that rebates will be granted on all policies written in Bryan, to which the key rate applies, since the date the reduction was effective, which is June 5, 1915.

If I am correct, kindly advise me in order that I may publish the information for the benefit of the insuring public and thus save the agents of Bryan considerable annoyance.

Thanking you in advance, I am, yours very truly,

GEORGE A. ADAMS, Agent.  
Austin, Tex., Nov. 13, 1915.

Mr. George A. Adams, Agent, Bryan, Texas.

Dear Sir—Your letter of November 6 enclosing newspaper clippings with reference to the delay in promulgating the new key rate of Bryan and calling special attention to the editorial comment, has been received and for your information I desire to state that our previous letter to your Commercial Club fully explains the delay in the matter and we feel that the reference made in the editorial comment is uncalled for, especially as Bryan has received our co-operation in all instances. For your information we desire to state that the new specific schedule of rates for Bryan is now in the hands of the printer, and as previously stated just as soon as same are completed they will be transmitted to the local agents of Bryan and the reduction will be effective from the date of the improvements made, which in your instance was June 5, 1915.

Trusting this gives you the desired information, we beg to remain, very truly yours, A. R. ANDREWS,  
Fire Insurance Commissioner.

ORDER NURSERY  
TREES FOR FALL

A. & M. Extension Department Gives  
Direction for Ordering Trees  
and Planting Methods.

Now is the time to place orders for nursery stock. Nurseries fill orders in the order they are received. By ordering early the pick of the stock is secured and also it is on hand to plant this fall.

Orders should be placed only with reliable nurseries. If considerable acreage is to be planted it is a good plan to visit the nurseries and select the stock while it is growing. Only the best grade of trees should be planted. Nursery stock is a very small portion of the cost of growing and orchard and it is poor economy to plant cheap trees.

One year old trees are the best for planting. Select medium sized, well matured trees, not oversized. If one year old trees cannot be obtained two year old ones will give good results, but care must be exercised in selecting them to get ones that have not been headed too high by the nurseryman.

W. B. Lanham, horticulturist for the extension department of the A. & M. College, says he has always had the best results with fall planted trees, in some cases getting fully twice the growth of spring planted trees.

In most places in Texas fall planting is recommended. It may be that in the extreme northern parts that

better results might be obtained with spring planting, but in practically all of the fruit belt of the State fall planting is recommended.

The land should be well prepared, as for a crop of corn or cotton. All broken or diseased roots should be removed and the tree planted to the same depth that it stood in the nursery row.

The reason many trees fail to grow is because the dirt is not well packed around the roots, especially under the crown of the tree, and it dries out. This point should receive especial attention. Fall planted trees are less likely to die from this, as the dirt will be packed firmly around the roots by the winter rains and they are ready to start growth with the first warm days of spring.

The extension department is willing to furnish information to any grower as to selection of varieties or any planting problems that may come up. Any information of this character is free upon application to the director of extension at College Station, Texas.—Clarence Ousley, Director of Extension, A. & M. College of Texas.

PRESIDENT BIZZELL  
WRITES THE POST

Says Agricultural Course is Popular  
and Shows That 50 Per Cent  
of Students Study it.

To the Post:

I read with interest your editorial in the Houston Post of this date in which you call attention to the fact that 50 per cent of the students at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi are taking the agricultural course. Your favorable comment on this fact leads me to think that you will be interested in a few figures taken from the registrar's records of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

The comparative growth by years in the number of students taking agriculture at this institution is as follows:

1906-07	88
1907-08	113
1908-09	119
1909-10	246
1910-11	428
1911-12	510

1912-13 ..... 519  
1913-14 ..... 474  
1914-15 ..... 507

A comparison of the enrollment in the school of agriculture and the school of engineering for the last three years is as follows:

School of agriculture, 1912-13.... 511  
School of engineering, 1912-13.... 499  
School of agriculture, 1913-14.... 474  
School of engineering, 1913-14.... 414

The enrollment today for the current year is as follows:

School of agriculture..... 565  
School of engineering..... 463

As you will see from these figures more than 50 per cent of the students of this institution are taking agriculture.

While we are disposed to note with gratification the increasing number that are enrolling in agricultural courses, we should not lose sight of the fact also that the continued increasing number in engineering courses is gratifying as an evidence of the demand for skilled engineers. There has been a constant increase in the number of engineering students enrolled at this institution regardless of the fact that the University of Texas offers similar courses in engineering and the Rice Institute at Houston is now offering rare opportunities to students in engineering. It is also true that many rural problems depend upon the engineer for solution. We cannot separate the problems of increased production from rural highway development.

I think we can find encouragement, therefore, not only in the increasing number of agricultural students but in the increasing number of engineering students as well, for it indicates that productive achievement and constructive development are about keeping pace with each other. Yours truly, W. B. BIZZELL, President.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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